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AN IRISH CONTINGENT.

OVER 100 HUNTING MEN OFFERED AND HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED.

Prince Francis of Teck sailed for the Cape with the Royal Dragoons—Agent of the Boers interviewed.

London, Dec. 24.—The only news from South Africa of the slightest importance up to 3 p.m. today is the report of Lady Smith's ability to hold out for some time to come, and Gen. Methuen's message of yesterday evening, though undated, permits the assumption that his communications have not been cut.

There is no diminution of the enthusiasm among the volunteers. All kinds of offers are reaching Lord Chesham, who is to command the mounted volunteer force. Members of the stock exchange have already promised 100 horses from their stables, and an offer of an Irish contingent of 115 hunting men was accepted this morning.

Prince Francis Teck, younger brother of the Duchess of York, sailed for Cape Town today with a detachment of the Royal Dragoons.

Lord Salisbury and General Roberts had a conference with the Queen at Windsor this afternoon.

London, Dec. 24.—A war office dispatch from Pietermaritzburg, Natal, gives a list of casualties on Monday, Dec. 18th, of seven men killed and twelve wounded, all non-commissioned officers and men. The names of the regiments concerned indicate a hitherto unrecorded series from Ladysmith on that date.

New York, Dec. 24.—A Herald's London dispatch says: "There is much anxiety here as to the situation in South Africa, and the possibility

The Old Fort at Mafeking.



Mafeking is a British town about 800 miles north of Cape Town which has been the scene of repeated battles between the Boers under General Cronje and the British under Colonel R. S. Baden Powell.

nervous tension grows more acute as the outcome is once known. There is a grave suspicion that the Boers are being amply supplied with food, munitions of war and recruits sent by Dr. Leyd and permitted to enter with the cognizance of the Portuguese officials at Delagoa Bay. A hint is thrown out that England may be compelled to send a fleet to occupy Lorenzo Marques. It is added that Germany would not object, having a quid pro quo in Africa."

New York, Dec. 24.—The Herald's Washington correspondent learns that Secretary Hay has replied to the protest of the Transvaal government, reiterating the neutrality of the United States and declaring that American citizens in trading with both belligerents violated no neutrality obligations.

New York, Dec. 24.—Dr. Leyds, representative of the Boer government in Europe, has been talking to the Paris Matin and that part of his interview cabled here quotes him as saying that, although he believes the Boer arms will be successful, the Boers are and will be, at any time ready to listen to peace proposals, provided they are equitable.

Asked regarding the safety of the mines Dr. Leyds said: "The mines have been entrusted to safe and loyal hands. President Kruger has set troops and police to guard the property."

Dr. Leyds also expressed grave fears of a rising of the blacks against the whites, massacring both conquerors and conquered.

London, Dec. 24.—Lady Randolph Churchill has received a cable dispatch from her son, Winston Churchill, who was captured by the Boers in Natal and taken to Pretoria, and whose escape from there was announced Dec. 14. He says he has arrived safely at Delagoa Bay.

London, Dec. 24.—Andrew Carnegie has given \$20,000 to provide swimming baths and gymnasiums for Durban. In a letter he says this will reach you in time to be a Christmas gift to the town from his loyal son.

COMPULSORY ARBITRATION.

A Labor Convention Held at Vancouver to Consider the Law.

Vancouver, B.C., Dec. 24.—A provincial labor convention was held in the Trades and Labor hall Wednesday evening. The meeting lasted from 8 o'clock until after midnight. Its object was to consider the advisability of the provincial government authorizing the law of compulsory arbitration in cases of industrial dispute. There is at present an act on the statute book providing for a board of conciliation, but the law is of little value. The convention decided to petition the B.C. government to make the law workable and arbitration compulsory. A resolution favoring the eight-hour day was passed. This resolution had a lengthy discussion on the advisability of enacting legislation on behalf of separate trades. It was decided as the opinion of the meeting that an annual labor conference would be an important factor in the success of solving the labor problems.

Canadians Anxious to Go.

Ottawa, Dec. 24.—Lieut. Colonel McLean, of St. John, N.B., arrived here last night. He has offered to enroll at his own expense one hundred New Brunswick men as scouts. His plan was to take hunters and trappers who are thoroughly familiar with forest ranging, and would render valuable service to the intelligence corps. He also offered his own services to go in charge. But, as no infantry are to be taken along, Hon. Mr. Borden has been obliged to decline the colonel's proposition.

Mr. Frank Oliver, M.P., of Edmonton, telegraphs that a number of expatriates in his district are ready to go to South Africa.

J. A. Fraser, of Battleford, says that forty good shots and rough riders have volunteered their services through him for the Transvaal.

Mr. White, of Rat Portage, offers to raise a troop of mounted scouts, good shots and riders. Mr. White, commanding a troop in the second Red regiment.

A cable has been sent to the Imperial government asking if one hundred trained nurses from Canada may serve with the Imperial army hospital corps.

Trouble in New Guinea.

Vancouver, B.C., Dec. 24.—The Australian mail received from Sydney, via San Francisco, contains but few details of the trouble in British New Guinea. Reported largely by cablegram. A dispatch dated Samarai, Nov. 3 says: "The Trobriand islands are in a tumult, the natives on the largest Kiriwina, having rebelled against the rule of the great chief Enamakara, who was really government representative and whose authority over the group has always been undisputed. Since he has been lost and Enamakara is a fugitive. All his yam houses and fifteen villages have been burned to the ground and the natives threaten the lives and property of the Wesleyan mission. In consequence, Rev. Mr. Fellows has assembled all his teachers at Kavatari for the general safety. The resident magistrate and constabulary have left Samarai for the scene, and the governor, who is expected daily with the steamer, Mr. Eric England, from Port Moresby, is also said to go when he learns the news as all authority is now deflected on the Trobriand to the cry being 'Our spears have slept too long.' Enamakara was the nearest approach to a real king known in New Guinea, his power was established before the annexation and has since been solidified by government influence. He has a large number of wives and was said to cherish the ambition of gaining a white woman as his queen."

The Trobriand number twenty and are the most northerly group belonging to British New Guinea, being situated about 120 miles from Samarai. They are of coral formation, are extremely fertile and densely populated and are noted for the production of food, curios, pearls and trade obtainable by Europeans from the natives. The Trobriand Islanders are nearer to the Samoan than to the Papuan type, they are a tall, handsome, light-colored race, very fond of European intercourse, music, etc.

Called to Montreal.

Montreal, Dec. 24.—At a meeting of the congregation of Emmanuel Congregational church, the largest church of that denomination in Montreal this week, it was decided to unanimously extend a call to the Rev. Hugh Kelly, of Winnipeg, to succeed the late Dr. Evans.

Winnipeg, Dec. 24.—Rev. Mr. Kelly questioned regarding the above dispatch on Thursday, said he had just received information by private wire that a call had been extended him. The call was a surprise to him and he had not yet given it consideration. The general wish of Winnipeg churchgoers will be that he may decline the offer.

Dwight L. Moody Dead.

East Northfield, Mass., Dec. 24.—Dwight L. Moody, the famous evangelist, died at noon yesterday.

Mr. L. Moody was stricken with heart trouble at Kansas City on Nov. 16, while addressing probably the largest crowd he ever faced.

NEWS FROM GEN. WHITE.

TROOPS IN GOOD SPIRITS AND WELL SUPPLIED.

Butler's List: Killed, 146; Wounded, 746—Lord Kitchener Has Sailed for Malta on the Cruiser Isis.

London, Dec. 23.—The Daily Mail says: "We understand that news has arrived from Gen. White to the effect that Ladysmith is well supplied with food and ammunition and can hold out much longer than has been estimated. The troops are described as in good spirit and anxious to fight."

London, Dec. 23.—There is as yet no definite news regarding the military operations in South Africa. Probably this is because the only cable that is now working is choked with official dispatches. General Butler's casualty list at Colenso, just published, shows that 146 were killed and 746 wounded; 227 are described as missing and of these about 40 are known to be prisoners in the hands of the Boers. This makes a total larger than Gen. Buller's original estimate.

Letters signed by the Queen, are being circulated by the archbishops to the bishops of the various dioceses authorizing a collection in the churches throughout England on January 7, in aid of the fund for sick and wounded soldiers and their families.

Interest centres for the moment in the preparation to send out reinforcements. The various city guilds have given an additional £12,000 for the expenses of the imperial volunteers, besides gifts of horses, ambulances and other paraphernalia. The latest notable volunteers include the two nephews of Lord Roberts, Major Charles Sherson and Major Maxwell Sherson, their brother was killed at Glencoe.

The admiralty has decided to dispatch another naval brigade of 700 men to South Africa.

It is believed that in mobilizing the eighth division, the war office will have recourse to some extent to the militia, it being deemed inadvisable to denude the home garrison over much of regulars.

The chancellor of the exchequer, Sir Michael Hicks Beach, has issued a formal denial that any differences exist in the cabinet regarding war expenditures.

According to a dispatch from Cape Town there is a good deal of distress in the Orange Free State, owing to the scarcity of grain.

The staff of Lord Roberts includes Major Gen. Pretyman and a Viscount Downe.

The British war office received a dispatch dated Sunday, Dec. 17, confirming the Associated Press dispatch that Lieut. Chandless-Coll was taken prisoner last Thursday going to meet a flag of truce.

Alexandria, Dec. 23.—Lord Kitchener arrived this evening from Cairo, and went on board the second-class British cruiser Isis, which immediately sailed for Malta.

Cairo, Dec. 23.—Gen. Kitchener has arrived in this city, and was given an ovation by Lord Cromar, the British consul general, and others. He immediately boarded a train bound for Alexandria.

Cape Town, Dec. 22.—As a result of his inquiry into the disaster to the British transport Isidore, which went ashore on the rocks in St. Helena Bay on Dec. 3, the captain has had his certificate suspended for six months.

General Jan Kock.



General Kock was one of the conspicuous Boer leaders. In the fighting at Glencoe his command was badly cut up, and he was wounded and captured by the British. He died later.

Affects Lumber Trade.

Ottawa, Dec. 23.—The South African lumber trade although not large, has been killed by the present war. Canadian lumber shipments cannot be made owing to the absence of shipping facilities and the cessation of building operations in South African towns. Regular shipments of doors and sashes were made from here to Newcastle, Cape Town, Johannesburg and Pietermaritzburg, but now shipments can only be made to Cape Town. It is expected, however, that the close of the war will usher in a market boom in the Canadian lumber trade with South Africa.

CANADIAN MOUNTED RIFLES

And the Brigade Division of Artillery for Special Service in South Africa.

Ottawa, Dec. 23.—A militia order issued tonight gives full details of the regiment to be organized as the "Canadian Mounted Rifles and the Brigade Division of Artillery," for special service in South Africa. The composition of the three batteries and the three squadrons have been already given. The squadron will be divided into "A," "B," "C," and "D" and the batteries into "C," "D," and "E."

"A" squadron, Mounted Rifles, will be divided into four troops. The first and second will be concentrated at Toronto, the third at Montreal, and the fourth at Halifax, N.S.

"B" squadron, first troop, will be enrolled at Winnipeg, second troop, enrolled at Portage la Prairie, Brandon, Virden, Yorkton, Winnipeg, and concentrated at Regina; third troop, enrolled at Regina; fourth troop, enrolled at Moose Jaw and Regina, and concentrated at Regina.

"C" squadron, first troop enrolled at Prince Albert, Battleford and Regina; second troop enrolled at Mooseomin, Qu'Appelle, Regina, and concentrated at Regina; third troop enrolled at Lethbridge, Macleod, Medicine Hat and Maple Creek and concentrated at Regina; fourth troop enrolled at Calgary and Edmonton and concentrated at Calgary.

Qualifications—Standard height 5 feet 6 inches with 34 inches chest measurement. Age not less than 22 years or more than 40. Time for enlistment six months with liability of extension to one year. Pay at rates laid down for Northwest Mounted Police at time of disembarkation at South Africa, after that date pay will be issued by imperial government. The men who offer for enrollment are invited to offer their own horses and if acceptable will become the property of the government. Standard age of horses to be between five and ten years; height 15 to 16½ hands and practically sound; saddlery will be provided.

The medical officers of the permanent corps and the Northwest Mounted Police will inspect the men. Where these are not available others may be chosen. Men and horses will be kept at the place of enrollment. District officers commanding will pay all expenses out of the imperial sent money.

A list of other details, following and similar to that issued in connection with the raising of the first contingent. The brigade division of artillery will comprise C battery, mobilized at Kingston, D at Ottawa, and E at Quebec. There will be a lieutenant colonel commanding, adjutant, medical officer and veterinary officer. The detail of a field battery is one major, one captain, three subalterns and 100 men. In the brigade division there will be 19 officers or 339 of all ranks with 27 horses, and one section of each battery will be from the Royal Canadian Artillery and the remaining two sections from the field batteries of the active militia. The militia enrollment will be carried out as already stated.

The Canadian Mounted Rifles will have one lieutenant colonel in command, a second in command, an adjutant, a transport officer, a quartermaster and a medical officer. Each squadron will have a major, a captain and three subalterns. Altogether there will be 25 officers or 551 of all ranks, and 526 horses.

FOR 20TH CENTURY FAIR.

The Canadian Pacific Will Donate Handsomely to the Winnipeg Industrial Fair.

Winnipeg, Dec. 20.—Mr. William Broten, President of the Winnipeg Industrial Fair, has received a letter from the general manager, Mr. Heubisch, who is at present in Montreal, stating that he has just had an interview with Mr. Shaughnessy and Mr. Bosworth with the result "that the Canadian Pacific Railway have recognized the special effort of the corporation of the Winnipeg Industrial Fair in their determination to make next year's annual exhibition commemorative of the opening of the twentieth century, by donating to the association a cash subscription equal to the revenue received for the transportation of exhibits."

Police Search for Lost Miners.

Ottawa, Dec. 23.—During the latter part of August a party of Northwest Mounted police, consisting of Corporal Sharving and two constables, left Dawson to search for lost mining parties on the Edmonton trail. For some time no tidings of the rescuers were received, and it was feared that something had happened them. Comptroller White, of the Mounted Police office, received a dispatch stating that the police party had returned from La Pierre's house to Dawson about Dec. 11, having found two dead bodies on the trail. These were Moffat and Holmes, who are said to have gone from Pembroke. The police also received some information in regard to the death of a man named Bellevue, La Pierre's horse, where the police search terminated, is near the mouth of the Mackenzie river.

Dubuque, Ia., Dec. 23.—The cars shops at the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul railway were completely destroyed by fire Wednesday.

CONTINGENT OUTFITTING

The Work Going on Rapidly. Thousands of Volunteers Anxious to Go.

Ottawa, Dec. 20.—The exhibit was in session until 7:30. This evening arranging the details of the contingent for South Africa. Mr. Borden, minister of militia, was interviewed after the council adjourned, and stated no official announcement would be made until tomorrow, probably not before evening. It has been thought advisable to have all arrangements completed before making any partial statement for publication. Those acquainted with the responsibilities of government will see that more progress will be made in this way than giving out piecemeal what it is intended to do.

In the meantime the department of militia is not idle. The work of outfitting and equipping one thousand men or more is going on with all rapidity. In regard to this there will be no delay. Contractors for clothing have given assurances to the minister that whatever extra is required will be ready in good time. Providing suitable transports and having them fitted up for horses is the only matter which at the present moment is causing any anxiety, and no trouble is anticipated in accomplishing this. H. S. Allan, of the Allan line, was here all afternoon, and had several conferences with the minister of militia upon the subject. Other shipping companies have also been heard from.

As to obtaining an efficient and effective contingent there is no doubt. Offers for services with the Canadian forces are pouring in from all parts of Canada. Strong efforts are being made to obtain a position on the contingent. Fitness to fill the duties required of them will be the only passport to the appointment. Although nothing official can be obtained the report is general that the contingent will comprise 1,000 men. It will likely be equally divided in regard to numbers between artillery and mounted infantry. In other words there will in all probability be three field batteries, and mounted police and cavalry to go as mounted infantry. The Kingston battery will form the nucleus of one, Quebec that of another and probably Ottawa will make up the third. About one-half of the mounted infantry will be taken from the mounted police.

The talk among the battalions tonight is that Major Hudson will command the Ottawa battery, which will be known as "D" battery, and that Major Hurdman will command the Kingston battery, which will be "C" battery, while Quebec will be known as "E" battery, with Major Ogilvie in command. The senior major, which in this case would be Hurdman, would go in command of three batteries until Cape Town was reached, when Lieut. Col. Drury, who is in South Africa, could take command there. Then in regard to mounted infantry, Lieut. Col. Evans might command until South Africa is reached, when Lieut. Col. Lessard, who is now there, and who would be senior officer to Col. Evans, could assume command. In regard to the batteries, the nucleus of the Kingston battery would come from A, that of Quebec from B, while D would come from the Ottawa Field battery.

Lieutenant General Lord Methuen.



This aristocrat is the youngest lieutenant general in the British army. He has been in the service 35 years and is a veteran of wars in Ashanti and Egypt.

Manitobans Eager to Serve.

Winnipeg, Dec. 20.—Judging from the applications received by Capt. Williams for membership in the Dragoons or a place on the second contingent, there is an unbounded enthusiasm throughout the city and province generally in regard to the matter. Capt. Williams stated this morning that he was fairly flooded with letters from young fellows all over Manitoba who are eagerly seeking a chance to go to South Africa in the interests of the empire.

General Lawton Killed.

Manila, Dec. 20.—Major-General Henry W. Lawton has been shot and killed. General Lawton was killed at San Mateo.

The petition for the fields that were closed in Winnipeg yesterday and concluded after signatures.

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"Let us have faith that right makes might; and in that faith let us dare to do our duty as we understand it."

WEST ASSINIBOIA LIBERALS

In last week's issue we had occasion to refer to the feeling of dissatisfaction existing among the West Assiniboia Liberals, taking our own personal knowledge and information which we believed to be reliable as the basis for our statements. But it appears that some of the information received was misleading or incorrect. As a convention the Moose Jaw meeting was stated or implied to have been a failure. On the contrary we find the convention ended quite successfully.

As this is the only serious misstatement made, we will leave it at that, regretting that it was made at all.

NOTES.

LT-Col Evans, R. C. D., has been offered the command of the Canadian cavalry if he can return from the Yukon by January 15th. It is doubtful if he can do so.

An erroneous idea prevails that horses could be purchased and conveyed from Australia to South Africa in less time than from England. The fact is that the distance from Liverpool to Cape Town is somewhat less than from Melbourne or Sydney and Cape Town, so that there appears to be no advantage to Britain in getting horses from that colony, so far at least as time is concerned.

The Dominion has built the telegraph line from Bennett to Dawson for 180 miles. The C. P. R. Telegraph Co. wanted \$350 and the G. N. W. Telegraph Co. \$400 per mile for the work. The line is costing \$13,000 a month and the cost of operation is about \$2,000. This is an instance of the advantages of Government ownership.

It has been reported that the Prince Rupert steamer, the *Albatross*, was successful in her search for the missing *Albatross*. The *Albatross* was a small steamer of the type of a tugboat and was owned by the Canadian Government. She was sent on a search for the missing *Albatross* and was successful in finding her. The *Albatross* was found in the Gulf of St. Lawrence and was brought back to Prince Rupert.

thus allowing their troops to march into untenable and impracticable positions. Gen. French, who has the honor of being the organizer of the North West Mounted Police and their first Commissioner, probably learned his tactics in this country where scouting and rapid and independent judgement are often very essential. This would account for his honorable record in Africa.

It also shows the excellent use to which the western portion of our second contingent may be put as scouts. They are eminently fitted therefor. But it is extremely important that proper officers be placed over them, officers who sympathize with these men and realize their good qualities and aptitude.

Liberal Convention.

The Liberal Convention called for the purpose of nominating a candidate for the House of Commons in the Liberal interests in Eastern Assiniboia was held in Moosemin on Tuesday last (19th). There were nearly one hundred delegates present from all parts of the constituency. During the meeting, resolutions of confidence in the Government and hoping that still further reforms would be made by them in other important questions of public interest were passed.

The question of a Liberal candidate at the next election was then taken up. It was finally agreed that as Mr. Douglas had given the government a fair support since he has been in the House, that as Liberals they could honestly endorse his general conduct in the House and the nomination of the convention should be tendered him. In the evening Mr. Douglas made a lengthy address on his course in parliament since he was elected in 1896. He also promised if returned at the next election he would do his best to advance the interests of the North-West in time to come. At the close of the convention the officers of the Liberal Association for next year were elected, and the convention was brought to a close by all rising and singing "God Save the Queen."—Grenfell Sun.

WAR NEWS.

Enrolment at Qu'Appelle.

The Free Press of Friday last publishes the following particulars regarding the enrolment of the western portion of the Canadian contingent for South Africa:

"B" squadron, first troop, will be enrolled at Winnipeg, second troop, enrolled at Portage la Prairie, Brandon, Virden, Yorkton, Winnipeg, and concentrated at Winnipeg; third troop, enrolled at Regina; fourth troop, enrolled at Moose Jaw and Regina, and concentrated at Regina."

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A very large number of volunteers have been made to date. Fifty of these have been accepted. The Police Commissioner has been very successful in his efforts to get the best men for the service. The following are the names of the volunteers who have been accepted: (Names listed in the original text).

Territorial Tips.

Dr. W. B. Seath, Deputy Minister of Agriculture, left for Africa last week in charge of the Canadian hay ordered by Britain.

Mrs. Low, mother of Dr. Low, of Regina, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Smith, of Indian Head, week before last. She was well and favorably known in Indian Head and Regina. Dr. Low was in attendance and did all that medical skill could do.

Mr. A. Dundas the genial and popular host of the Balgonie hotel, visited Regina on Monday of last week.

Paul Sabourin, an Indian recently sentenced to death at Edmonton for the murder of his sister-in-law, has had his sentence commuted to life imprisonment. It is thought he was not responsible for his actions, but committed the crime while in a febrile condition.

The trial of Thomas Alva Quigley, charged with the wild murder of Nelson Hagie at Lacombe, commences tomorrow morning before Mr. Justice Rouleau and a jury. A. L. Sifton, crown prosecutor, represents the crown, and the accused will be defended by F. J. Nolan, assisted by Geo. W. Greene, of Red Deer. A large number of witnesses have already arrived in the city.—Calgary Herald.

A movement is on foot to start a Literary and Athletic Association in town along somewhat the same lines as has been adopted in other places by the Y. M. C. A. The idea apparently is to start a gymnasium—a thing which is certainly wanted in town—with a reading room in connection. A board of directors has been appointed and numerous subscriptions have already been collected. The scheme is a most praiseworthy one and certainly deserves the support of the townspeople.—West.

Last week in Calgary a boy named Red Carr, while running into the street after his cap, thrown there by a companion, was struck and knocked down by a horse's hoof, the wagon passing over his leg and breaking it. He was removed to the General Hospital, and the fracture reduced. His mother is also an inmate of the hospital at present.

Mr. Haultain, Mr. Bulyea and Mr. Lake visited and lunched at Mr. Skitter's Kingslyn during their visit to the show on Friday.—Grenfell Sun.

F. Burns & company have had several more cars of fat hogs from Ontario this week, thus paying good money to Ontario farmers and the railway company that should be kept among our own farmers.—Calgary Herald.

Mr. E. C. Matthews, with Mrs. and Miss Matthews removed to Moose Jaw on Monday week and Mr. Matthews' New hotel, the Maple Leaf, will be opened between Christmas and New Year. Mr. Matthews accompanied them to Moose Jaw to assist in the work of outfitting the new house.—Regina Leader.

F. A. Harris, the hero of the recent Calgary shooting scrape, has had his preliminary trial and is released on bail, awaiting trial by judge and jury. Harris is still at the hospital and Mrs. Harris and her mother have gone to California.

The output of the twenty creameries in the North-west Territories controlled by the Dominion Department of Agriculture for the last season just closed over half a million pounds of butter of the value of \$105,083. During 1897 there were sixteen creameries in operation, producing 573,903 pounds of the value of \$83,164. In 1898 nineteen creameries operated, yielding 181,081 pounds of value of \$23,740. Twenty creameries in operation in 1899 produced 501,824 pounds of butter of a value of \$102,382.

The weather has been somewhat puny of late, ranging from 24 degrees below to 17 degrees above in the course of a few hours. On Sunday morning a chinook started over the mountains, but was caught by a cold north-wester and squelched. During last night the mercury ran down to 10 below, but rose to 17 above before morning. Today is warmer with prospects of a chinook.—Calgary Herald.

Messrs. James Kelly and Philip Endicott of Ottetard County, Minn., were in Moosemin a few days this week. They have been viewing this country for a purpose. They represent a number of settlers in their home district and their report of this country will determine largely whether they and the settlers they represent will leave their homes in Minnesota for new homes in our Canadian North-West. They like the Edmonton district but dislike the foreign population with whom they would be compelled to associate. These gentlemen know what they want in this country and have had eyes as well as ears open for information. On Tuesday they were able to meet with representatives from all over Eastern Assiniboia and gathered a good deal of information regarding available lands for settlements in this Territory. Mr. Endicott is a brother of Mr. J. Endicott and Mrs. H. H. H. and his visit here was therefore a very pleasant one.—Moosemin Spectator.

Sam Barber, who is operating a steamer between Vancouver and the new gold fields at Cape Gnome, is reported to have cleared \$17,000 on his last trip. There is said to be over 200 miles of the seashore in the new Eldorado in which the sand will pay to work. Mr. Barber brought back a quantity of sand as ballast, which on being assayed yielded over \$200 in gold to the ton. A syndicate is spoken of to ship the sand to a point where it can be cheaply treated.—Calgary Herald.

Qu'Appelle Observatory.

	Wind	Therm.	Barom.	Humidity
Wed.	20	40	30.2	75
Thurs.	21	43	30.1	76
Fri.	22	45	30.1	76
Sat.	23	47	30.1	76
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Hope for Success—Enemy Well
Supplied With Ammunition.

London, Dec. 21.—The gravity of the military situation is again becoming accentuated in the public mind, owing to the complete absence of news. Nothing has been heard from Lord Methuen since Sunday, and it is feared that his communications have been cut. A correspondent of the Daily News telegraphing from Modder River last Saturday says: "The Boer position, already formidable on Dec. 11, has since been greatly strengthened, extending over an area of 12 miles. It is entrenched according to the most modern methods throughout its entire length. Wire fences have been placed before all the trenches at every point, guns have been put into position, and there is every evidence that the Boers are well supplied with ammunition. Only a powerful attacking force can hope to make a successful assault."

The lines in an article from the pen of a military expert, lamenting the dispersion of the British forces, and quotes the maxim of Napoleon in favor of concentration, and regrets that Lord Methuen did not retire to Orange river a week ago. The latest dispatches received seem to show that the British forces are standing on the defensive at all points. Gen. Buller is ordering the troops now arriving at Cape Town to proceed to Durban to reinforce the Natal column. The absence of news from him has led to the surmise that he is trying to join Gen. White by a flank movement.

The appeals for yeomanry and volunteers are being responded to with the greatest enthusiasm in all parts of the country. Lord Wolseley proposes that the forces being raised by the lord mayor of London be called "City of London Imperial Volunteers." The government expects the total of yeomanry to reach 8,000. Baron Chesham will command with Lord Londale as adjutant general.

The Australian colonies are responding eagerly to the imperial government's appeal for second contingents. It is reported that the Queen will sanction her proposed visit to Italy in company of Prince Arthur.

London, Dec. 21.—The Daily News has the following dispatch from Cape Town, dated Saturday, Dec. 16: "The Boers intend to make a big stand at Stormberg, and are amassing a great force at the abandoned bridge camp. The command of 2,000 consists chiefly of 1,000 Boer h."

London, Dec. 20.—A Cape Town dispatch dated Saturday, Dec. 16, says: "Five hundred colonists of the Victoria West district have perfected an apparently anti-British organization there and as individuals have openly expressed disloyalty and have threatened to attack the railway station which is on the direct line between Cape Town and De Aar. The African-aided mounties, at a recent meeting, passed a resolution that the troops in the vicinity irritate the farmers dangerously. The meeting proclaimed its loyalty, but declared the conduct of the troops forced the people to use expressions and commit acts which were capable of being interpreted as disloyal."

Who Has the Guns?

London, Dec. 20.—It still seems doubtful whether the guns General Buller abandoned at Colenso are in the possession of the Boers. An Associated Press dispatch from Durban, typed on the evening of the battle, but only now received, stated that the guns were recovered by the heavy guns of General Buller's brigade, occupying an entrenched position. The dispatch adds that the Boers have thus far not attempted to cross the river and carry off the guns. Advice to the Associated Press from Pretoria, under the same date, says that an official Boer dispatch reports two guns, thirteen wagons and a quantity of ammunition captured, besides six prisoners.

A special dispatch from Durban, Natal, dated Saturday, Dec. 16, says it is rumored that General Buller called for volunteers to recover the abandoned guns and that a party issued from the camp after midnight and brought in the guns, which were uninjured.

German Coal-Firing Stations.

London, Dec. 20.—In Count Von Buelow's budget speech last week occurred a passage indicating the many need of a number of points d'appui and coal-firing stations for the German navy. This passage was purposely worded cautiously, the meaning being somewhat veiled, so as not to attract the suspicious of other nations; but there is the best authority for the statement that Germany's aims, during the next four years will be earnestly directed to the acquisition of a number of such points as part of the world where Germany would have a time of actual hostility in the far east, the Antilles, Central America, South America and Polynesia.

WESTERNERS WANTED.

Competition of Canadian Contingent as
Organized by the Minister of Militia.
Ottawa, Dec. 21.—The composition of the second Canadian contingent to join the British forces in South Africa is no longer a matter of speculation. When the minister of militia left the privy council room, where the cabinet had been sitting at 6 o'clock this afternoon, he was interviewed by your correspondent on the matter. Although there is not much to add to what has already been outlined in this correspondence, the statement of Mr. Borden will satisfy the public mind on the whole subject and in that regard will be welcomed and read with interest.

"In the first place," said the minister of militia, "I may say that the expeditionary force was used in a cable received from the war office and in regard to that point, the following cable was received by His Excellency the Governor-General last evening from Mr. Chamberlain, which reads as follows: 'The entire contingent will be 1,044 in strength. There will be three squadrons of mounted rifles or 531 of all ranks, one squadron and half a squadron will be taken from the North-West Mounted Police, the other squadrons from the different cavalry corps and dragoons throughout the Dominion and from good shots and riders wherever they are to be found, and there are quite a number of them to be had in western Canada. The three squadrons will have 526 horses."

"There will be three field batteries, the strength of each being 171, or 513 in all. They will have 300 horses. The artillery will be taken from the field batteries all over the Dominion."

"There will be no infantry, nothing but artillery and mounted troops. The recruiting will be done at the headquarters of the batteries in the case of the artillery; for instance at Kingston, Gagetown, Winnipeg, Hamilton, St. Catharines, Toronto, Guelph, Ottawa, London, Port Hope, Quebec, Montreal, Granby, Woodstock, N.B., New Castle, N.B., Sydney, N.S."

"The mounted rifles will be Toronto, St. Catharines, Peterboro, Ottawa, Kingston, London, Montreal, Sarnia, N.B., St. John, N.B., Quebec, Canby, N.S., Winnipeg, Portage la Prairie, Virden, Brandon, Yorkton, Regina, Moose Jaw, Prince Albert, B. Thelwell, Mossburn, Qu'Appelle, Lethbridge, Fort Macleod, Medicine Hat, Maple Creek, Calgary and Edmonton."

"The recruiting will be conducted by the district officers commanding and Commissioner Berchemer and the district officers of the mounted police."

Major General Sir Archibald Hunter.



General Hunter, chief aid to General Sir George Stewart White, has been in the thick of the fighting in Natal since hostilities began. He is a young and very promising officer.

Yukon Tragedies.

Vancouver, Dec. 21.—Advice from Dawson dated Dec. 14, recount a terrible tragedy which took place near Ogishie, by which Mrs. J. Kimball, Mrs. Dumont, Henry Kelly and two MacNamara brothers, who had been passengers on the wrecked steamer Stratton, and landing from Minnieapolis, were caught in an ice jam. Their boat being small was crushed and all perished. Another tragedy is reported from White Horse, where three men named James T. Smith, Fred Barry and John McIntosh, were engaged in salvaging the cargo of the steam schooner Landerman. Being unexpectedly struck by a heavy swell, their boat filled and sank. The men were not seen after the boat disappeared and it is supposed they were carried under or overboard.

London's Generosity.

London, Dec. 20.—The lord mayor, A. J. Newton, announced today that £25,000 had been subscribed by large city firms to defray the expenses of a thousand volunteers among the city corps. Lord Rothschild has given £5,000 of this amount and Mr. Charles Wilson, the Hull ship owner, has promised a fully equipped vessel, which is equivalent to a gift of £1,500 to transport these volunteers.

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Oats—Milling, 27c; and feed grades, 25 to 26c on track here.
Hemp—Per sack of 50 lbs., \$1.70.
Barley—24 to 25c for feed, malting, 22c on track here.
Corn—40 to 41c on track.
Wheat—At country points, 48 to 50c per bushel.
Flax—At country points, 41 to 42c per bushel.
Hay—Wild, baled, \$5.50 to \$6.50; timothy, baled, \$7.50; loose, 25 to 30c.
Butter—Creamery, 26c; dairy, 18 to 22c for fine grades.
Cheese—Manitoba, 13c; Ontario, 15c.
Eggs—Strictly fresh, 20c.
Vegetables—Potatoes, 45c per bushel; carrots, 40c per bushel; turnips, 20 to 25c per bushel; beets, 30 to 40c per bushel; parsnips, 15c per pound; pumpkins, 15c per lb.; dry onions, 75c to \$1 per bushel; cabbage, 2c to 1c per pound celery, 20c per dozen bunches; green house lettuce, 40c per dozen bunches; green house parsley, 30c per dozen bunches.
Seneeca root—37c per pound.
Hides—Inspected hides, No. 1, 17c; No. 2, 16c; No. 3, 15c. Branded hides, grade No. 2, and tails No. 3, 10c; calf, 8 to 8 1/2c; dead in skins, 25 to 35c each; sheepskins, fresh killed, 50c each; country skins and lambs, 30c each; horse hides, 50c to 75c each.
Wool—Unwashed, Manitoba fleece, 8 to 9c per pound. None offering.
Dressed Meats—Beef, fancy Christmas, 10c to 12c; ordinary grades, 5 to 6c; mutton, 8c; lamb to 10c; veal, 7 to 8c; dressed hogs, 5 1/2 to 6c per pound.
Poultry—Turkeys, 11c per pound; geese, 10c per pound; ducks, 9c per pound; chickens, 9c per pound.
Montreal, Dec. 19.—J. P. Hamilton, bookkeeper for Morley & Armstrong, wholesale food and store firm, Wellington West, who assigned lately, has been missing and an expert accountant finds he is a defaulter to a considerable amount.

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All accounts for subscriptions to THE PROGRESS of over two years standing will be placed in the hands of a collector unless settled by Dec. 31st, 1899. Remember the rate \$1.50 if in arrears. Subscribers will kindly accept this intimation and remit at once.

LOCAL NEWS

War News.

The Free Press is the most reliable daily of the west for news of the war. For sale at this office or delivered by our news-boys to any residence in town.

Windy

Last Saturday witnessed the heaviest windstorm seen here for some months, the streets were swept clean, and along the railway a cloud of dust was continually rising.

Skating.

The soft weather made a break of a few days in the skating at the rink last week. On Christmas afternoon a large number attended the rink and enjoyed their exercise while the ice was good.

Xmas Trade

Reports come from various points to the effect that Xmas trade has been very disappointing. The mild weather, absence of sleighing and low price of wheat are held responsible for this state of affairs.

Annual School Meeting.

The annual school meeting of Qu'Appelle District No. 2 will take place in January, when it will be in order to elect a new trustee in place of Mr. W. Broley who is retiring. Mr. Broley intends going to Weyburn in the spring and will not therefore offer himself for reelection.

School Re-opening.

The public school will re-open on Jan. 3rd. Parents are requested to send their children on the opening day in order that the school may be thoroughly organized for the six months term. All going in for Public School Leaving and Third Class work are especially requested to be present.

Snow.

The thaw last week cleared the ground of snow, but on Sunday morning some more fell and was increased during Sunday night and on Monday. The roads were in good shape for the snow, as they had become worn fairly smooth by the wagons loaded with wheat rolling over them. The snow, however, is too light to make good sleighing.

Xmas Entertainment

The town hall was crowded to the doors on Monday night, the night of the Methodist School's Xmas Christmas tree and entertainment. The programme was long and varied. The smaller children gave solo, duet and trios, recitations and dialogues. On the whole gave these a fine show. The Minister's Christmas tree was a laughable farce in two acts, given with good effect by the smaller scholars. A duet by Miss La Blackwell and Miss Olive Truena, and a solo by Miss La Blackwell were well received. Mr. H. H. performed the part of Santa Claus in good style, to the great interest of the children and even of many of the older ones present. The tree was nicely decorated and heavily laden with presents. The proceeds amounted to \$10.

STRIKER A full month old colts, shot. Has long, heavy, curly hair, short tail and white points. Please have information at this office.

A Good Concert.

The Philharmonic Concert Co. is billed here for tomorrow (Friday) night. It is only through an unforeseen circumstance that our citizens were given an opportunity of hearing such a good company at all, as the manager, Mr. Smith, had not intended to stop off here. The company has many flattering testimonials from ministers and church societies for whom they have given concerts; and they are also well spoken of by the press. Several of our citizens have heard

them elsewhere and recommend them as decidedly above most of the companies on the road. It is composed of a female quartette with rich voices and great musical ability, and a lady reader and reciter, who stands well up the ladder of her profession. With so many poor companies on the road one gets doubtful when to attend and when to stay away; but we really believe this will be well worth attending. The prices are quite reasonable for so good a concert, and as children are only charged 10c, they can be taken along to enjoy it without any great drain on the purse.

Accepted.

Messrs. F. E. Parker and J. B. Sargent were at Regina yesterday and were accepted for the second Canadian contingent for the Transvaal.

To Delinquents.

Remember that the accounts of all subscribers in arrears two years or over will have to pay for the cost of collection if they do not settle before Jan. 1st.

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PERSONALS

H. J. Wilson spent Christmas in town.

Mrs. MaGurk has gone on a visit to Ontario.

A. Matheson is spending a week or two in Winnipeg.

E. E. Law, B. A., is spending his Christmas holidays in Winnipeg.

Mr. Query, of Wapella, was visiting at Mr. J. McEwen's over Christmas.

Miss E. Scott returned home last Saturday night from the Normal School, Regina.

Herbert Bailey returned Saturday morning from a business trip as far east as Winnipeg.

Miss Davidson left for Indian Head last week to spend her holidays with her parents.

Miss Mann, of Wapella, is spending a few weeks in town as the guest of Mrs. McEwen.

R. Johnston left last Thursday night for Ontario, where he will lay up horses to ship west.

Judson Booth returned from attendance at the Normal School, Regina, on Saturday last.

Miss Wyness, teacher at Starr's Point, left last Saturday evening to spend her holidays in Manitoba.

J. P. Beauchamp took the train for Montreal Saturday night to spend Christmas week with his wife and family.

Mr. Bam, who has been attending the Normal School in Regina, is visiting his aunt, Miss Trewhartha, this week.

C. Tarnier started last week for England. It is reported that he will enter the matrimonial state before returning in the spring.

T. Blackwell went east to Gladstone, Man., on Thursday last, having received a telegram announcing the serious illness of his grandchild.

Rev. Mr. Thompson, of Qu'Appelle Station, delivered an able and interesting address in the Presbyterian church here last Sunday on the "Century Fund." Grenfell was present.

A good job was played on the Regina School Board last week. They had advertised for caretakers for the two schools and among the applicants was a Mr. Parsons, now living in British Columbia and formerly employed by the Regina Board for unsatisfactory services as caretaker. Mr. Parsons in replying facetiously remarked that he had no other testimonial of his ability except that given by the Regina Board. Needless to say Mr. Parsons was not engaged. Such is the irony of fate.

NOTICE.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Qu'Appelle Creamery Association will be held at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, January 14th in the secretary's office.

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